Proposed Relicensing Study Plan Change to SP-T1 and SP-T6

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Background: The Study Plan for SP-T1 as currently written includes the results of all the other wildlife related study plans (SP-T2, SP-T3/5, SP-T4, SP-T6, SP-T7, SP-T8, SP-T9, SP-T10, and SP-T11). At the time of study plan development the stakeholders viewed SP-T1 as an overarching study that should include the results of most of the other terrestrial studies. SP-T6 tasks include development of Relicensing Wildlife Management Plan which needs to include all the wildlife related resource actions included in Settlement. Delaying the release of SP-T1 until Settlement is probably counterproductive and unacceptable.

Proposed Changes to SP-T1 and SP-T6

I propose to consolidate and summarize the results of all wildlife related study plans in SP-T6 (Wildlife Management Plan) and focus SP-T1 on evaluation of the effects project related operations and maintenance activities. This would allow the analyses of the effects of project operations and maintenance to go to EWG stakeholders, other Work Groups, and the PDEA team within the next 2 months (including 30 day internal review) instead of after settlement. All stakeholder issues not directly addressed in the SP-T1 Final Report would be transferred to SP-T6 to insure that no issues are lost.